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**Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities to meet Nov. 19
in Bismarck**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2014, in Bismarck from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Prairie Rose Room at Prairie Hills Plaza, 1237 W. Divide Ave., in Bismarck. The public is invited to attend.

The committee focuses on removing barriers to employment and working with public and private employers to promote competitive and integrated employment of working-age individuals with disabilities.

Agenda items include approval of meeting minutes and 2015 meeting dates, a report on strategic partnerships to advance employment first activities for people with disabilities, and discussion on Utah's Strategic Plan, the employment survey, and data collection requested by the committee. In addition, members will hear updates on the employment project with the North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities, and Oregon and Rhode Island federal Department of Justice cases related to supported employment.

A representative of the North Dakota Department of Human Services Developmental Disabilities Division will report on service descriptions, home and community-based services transition plan, and status of amendments to North Dakota's Traditional Individual with Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities Home and Community-Based Services waiver.

A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals who need auxiliary aids or services to participate in the meeting can call Vicki Magill at 701-328-8953, toll-free 800-755-2745, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or vmagill@nd.gov.

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